



Hastings and Rother Transport Action Group
Minutes of Meeting held on

Thursday, 2 September 2019 at Muriel Matters House

Chair:

Councillor Andy Batsford - Hastings Borough Council (HBC)

Present:

Councillor Andy Batsford - Hastings Borough Council (HBC)

Councillor Kathryn Field – Rother District Council (RDC)

Bev Marks - Battle Town Council Transport Advisor

Tim Hickling – Rother District Council (RDC)

Ian Sier - Hastings Sustainable Transport Forum

In Attendance:

Chris Gibbs (minutes) - Hastings Borough Council (HBC)

Planning applications

Hastings and Rother Transport Action Group (HARTAG) members discussed how they would like to be consultees on the development of the local plan and they would like to be notified in advance of any large planning applications that have a great impact on transport. It was commented that this would be a difficult structure to put in as there is no clear guidelines as to what would constitute as a large application or great impact on transport. They discussed how they would define large developments or applications and how they would define impact on transport. It was agreed that with input from planning officers they should prepare a brief on what HARTAG wants.

HARTAG

HARTAG members commented that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is the transport authority and Hastings Borough Council (HBC) and Rother District Council (RDC) don't have the capacity to make transport decisions. Members discussed helping to secure funding streams to ensure new developments have the correct transport links and infrastructure. It was commented that RDC has a funding stream for such a purpose with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Members

discussed the potential of having one support officer for HARTAG instead of sharing the responsibility between the two councils as this can cause confusion in the setting of the agendas. Members discussed Cllr Field's role and commented that HBC may benefit from a similar one.

Actions from the meeting

- Cllr Batsford to bring to his group who will be the lead member to perform the role of attending lobbying groups.
- Cllr Batsford to talk to Cllr Chowney and Cllr Forward to consider the joint officer role.
- Members to form email group and decide priorities for next meeting
- Next meeting Tuesday 26th November to be held in Rother
- Chris Gibbs to liaise with Marie in Rother to confirm that Rother can accommodate this next meeting.